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MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 19

A mystery which we cannot understand must never hinder us from obeying a precept which is plain.—NEWMAN HALL.

THE STRIKE SETTLEMENT

ASSOCIATED PRESS dispatches of to-day relating to the settlement of the railroad controversy which threatened to plunge the country into a strike on the eve of war with Germany say:

Yielding to the appeal of President Wilson and facing the probability of this country's entrance into the world war, the railroads to-day granted the demands of the four employes' brotherhoods for a basic eight-hour day.

There is little question that the railroad managers were influenced in their decision by the country's perilous international position. That they threw aside their contentions and surrendered to their employees is, as the dispatches say, an act of patriotism that men in all walks of life might do well to emulate.

The public has never had any difference with the railroad brotherhoods on the score of an eight-hour day. Eight hours is the accepted standard of the working day in many of the trades and in most business houses.

As it is, the railroad men of the country have won a \$60,000,000 increase in wages. It is only fair to assume that the railroads will be granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission rate advances enough to make up for this.

RAILROAD BAITING

THERE is food for legislative reflection in the recent announcement of the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee that there are 42,000 miles of American railroads in the hands of receivers.

The committee attributes this condition, in large measure, to the fact that there are 49 different sets of commissions and legislatures regulating the affairs of railroads.

Some of the aspects of this serious situation have their humorous side. For example, one State says there must be a cuspidor between each two seats in a car.

forbids them. The poor old freight caboose comes in for a mauling that costs the railroads four money.

Wrangles over the exact width of caboose platforms have whirled away many an idle hour for State legislators.

There is one comforting thought in our own legislative situation here in Pennsylvania. While the Legislature has not done anything particularly commendatory up to this time, on the other hand it hasn't done anything very harmful, and it is going to be so busy from this time on looking after its own affairs that it will have small opportunity for railroad baiting.

THIS IS WAR

Whether or not the President shall declare the sinking without warning of three American ships by German submarines to be an act of war, nevertheless the fact remains that it is war.

What the next step shall be remains for President Wilson and his advisers to decide. Whatever it shall be, it can lead in but one direction, and that is to open warfare.

CAMERON STREET PAVING

The people of Cameron street, between Herr and Calder, complain that the thoroughfare is almost impassable, due to deep mud, and that they have asked in vain for relief.

It is a pretty poor sort of government that isn't flexible enough to meet a situation of this kind. Cameron street should be paved.

HOUSING REGULATIONS

PRECIOUS little has been heard of the proposed housing code since the Legislature convened and if certain influences have their way nothing more will be heard of it.

What better for Harrisburg than we get together and build a group of model residences to be sold at prices within the modest income, at the same time clearing up the over-populated quarters and making all the houses fit for human habitation?

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman
A state of armed neutrality will likely exist between the two Republican factions for the remainder of the legislative session.

Labor Notes

Fur-workers at Toronto, Can., demand more pay.
Organization of Michigan metalworkers is being effected.
Birmingham (Ala.) paperhangers ask increased wages.

The Farm Labor Problem

Farm labor will be a bigger factor in determining the size of next season's crops than price of seeds and fertilizers, systems of management or probable returns on crops produced, says the Pennsylvania Farmer, discussing the labor situation.

The Philadelphia Record in an article from its Washington correspondent to-day declares that Vance C. McCormick is being urged to accept the place of minister to Japan.

THE BUREAL OF MOSES

By Nebe's lonely mountain
On this side Jordan's vale,
In a vale in the land of Moab,
There lies a lonely grave.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

And after him lead his masterless steed,
While peals the minute gun.
Amid the noblest of the land
Men lay the sage to rest.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

LIMIT OF DEVOTION.
She thinks everything her husband does is all right.
That so?
Yes, she even approves of the cards he leads when they're bridge whist partners.

EIGHTY-ONE YEARS A TEACHER
[From the Christian Herald]
Sunday school teachers do not seem, generally speaking, to stick to their course so tenaciously as Mrs. Anna M. Bruen, who teaches the Ladies' Bible Class in the First Presbyterian Sunday school, Belvidere, N. J.

A TRUE FRIEND.
Miss Wrinkles—What would you do if I should refuse to marry you?
Mr. Asker—See if I couldn't find some other fellow who would be willing to propose to you.

THE FAVORED PATIENT
Pa had a bad case of grip and his fever was high, but she went to her daughter's home and left pa to doctor himself.

Evening Chat

Harrisburg can help Pennsylvania and furnish an excellent example of preparedness to the rest of the state if it will only do some of the things England cities in the taking of a military census.

The Nutmeg State Governor called on the Legislature for authority to make a military census and on the people to do it. He wanted it done quickly and accurately.

All the foregoing was pretty interesting and immensely valuable, but just read the rest of the information asked by these volunteers and state agents and collected, filed, and in many cases verified.

It is true that Connecticut is exposed to water attack and that it is close to the greatest prize in the new world, New York, but that does not affect the importance of the military census to us in Pennsylvania.

For years past there has been a similarity between the number of registered or enrolled voters and the military roll that must impress anyone who has studied them.

The other day a man told me that there were more men working in steel mills at Steelton who had served with the colors of their native hands and who are not citizens than there are in the whole of the Eighth Pennsylvania Infantry.

It is said that the last complete military roll in the state dates back to 1911. The roll is supposed to be made up annually and sent here for immediate use in case of emergency.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Reginald DeKoven will write the music for the new University of Pennsylvania musical.
—General C. T. O'Neil, commander of the Third Brigade, was given a dinner by friends at Allentown in honor of his return from the border.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg shipments of tin plate last year were near a record?
Historic Harrisburg
One hundred years ago every house on Market Square had half a dozen wigs. Now all are business places.